

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summarized Meeting Agenda and Actions, September 4, 2012

Agenda Items with Formal Action

Item	Formal Action	Board Request for Follow-up
Consent Calendar	Resolution 2012-05 Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved board meeting minutes – June 2012 	No follow-up requested
Item 2A. Operating Budget and Capital Budget Requests Based on Revenue Projections	Resolution 2012-06 Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves 2013-15 budget request levels for Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account; Boating Facilities Program; Boating Infrastructure Grant Program; Firearms and Archery Range Recreation; Land and Water Conservation Fund; Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities; Recreational Trails Program; and Youth Athletic Facilities • Approves other budget request actions for 2013-15 	Submit budget request to the Office of Financial Management
Item 2B. Capital Budget Request for the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program	Resolution 2012-07 Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves a 2013-15 budget request of \$90 million for the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program 	Submit budget request to the Office of Financial Management

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summary Minutes

Date: September 4, 2012

Place: Room 175, Natural Resources Building, Olympia Washington
Most board members participated by conference call

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board members present in person or by phone:

Bill Chapman, Chair	Mercer Island	Craig Partridge	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Bloomfield	Yakima	Larry Fairleigh	Designee, State Parks
Pete Mayer	Snohomish	Dave Brittell	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Harriet Spanel	Bellingham		
Ted Willhite	Twisp		

It is intended that this summary be used with the meeting materials provided in advance of the meeting. A recording is retained by RCO as the formal record of meeting.

Call to Order

Chair Bill Chapman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Staff called roll, and a quorum was determined.

Consent Calendar

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) reviewed Resolution #2012-05, Consent Calendar. The consent calendar included the following:

- A. Approve board meeting minutes –June 2012

Resolution 2012-05 moved by: Ted Willhite and seconded by: Larry Fairleigh
Resolution APPROVED, 8-0

Item 2A: Operating Budget and Capital Budget Requests Based on Revenue Projections

Steve McLellan reviewed the information presented in the staff memo, noting the budget is due on September 5. They have recently had meetings with OFM, and shortfalls are still anticipated in the general fund due to the McCleary decision. Revenue projections have not changed since the June meeting. He noted that OFM may solve the issue with the Recreation Resources Account (boating) in a second supplemental budget, but since that is not certain, staff continues to recommend that the board authorize a direct bond request to cover the sweep in the previous budget.

Member Spanel asked if the resolution could be changed to have the table show the boating facilities total, but to leave the note in the table. The board agreed it was a friendly amendment and the change was approved.

Public Comment

Board members received a letter from the Washington Recreation & Park Association supporting the staff recommendations.

**Resolution 2012-06, including the friendly amendment,
moved by: Dave Brittell and seconded by: Harriet Spanel
Resolution APPROVED, 8-0**

Item 2B: Capital Budget Request for the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program

Steve McLellan reviewed the information presented in the staff memo. Chair Chapman and other board members thanked staff for the analysis in the memo and in June.

Member Spanel noted that it would be wise to start with a high number that reflected the need shown in the applications.

Member Willhite supported the recommendation, but was concerned that it might not be enough. He thinks that low interest rates may indicate that this is the right time to make a larger investment. However, \$90 million may be a better figure to reflect fiscal realities.

Member Fairleigh noted that State Parks staff supports the \$90 million figure, and will ask the Parks Commission to support it as well. The need continues to be as great as ever.

Member Bloomfield noted that population continues to grow, and indicates a growing need for habitat protection. If we are not prudent now, there will be a diminishing return for future generations. She also supports the \$90 million figure.

Member Mayer stated that Figure 3 supports the \$90 million request and indicates the projects that could be completed at that level.

Member Brittell stated that he wishes that they could ask for more, but the timing is off. He noted that WWRC and WRPA have done good work, and it is important to align with partners.

Chair Chapman noted that opportunity, in terms of low land prices, is creating a time when we can get good things done. Population means that more people need more good parks, and create pressure on the habitat base.

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Public Comment

Board members received a letter from the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition urging the board to pass a recommendation in favor of funding for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) for \$90 million for the 2013-15 biennium.

Board members received a letter from the Washington Recreation & Park Association concurring with the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition recommendation that the board adopt a \$90 million request for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) for the 2013-15 biennium.

Member Spanel moved to approve resolution 2012-07 at \$90 million. Member Mayer seconded the motion.

Resolution APPROVED, 8-0

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Approved by:



Bill Chapman, Chair

Date

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2012-05
September 2012 Consent Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following September 2012 Consent Calendar items are approved:

1. Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Meeting Minutes, June 27-28, 2012

Resolution moved by: Willhite
Resolution seconded by: Fairleigh
Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)
Date: September 4, 2012

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
 Resolution #2012-06
 Recommending a Funding Level for Recreation and Conservation Office
 Administration and Grant Programs in the 2013-15 Biennium

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The board hereby approves the 2013-15 budget requests shown below.

Program	2013-15 Request
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	\$6,600,000
Boating Facilities Program <i>(this amount plus backfill amount noted in #2 below for a total of \$9,263,000)</i>	\$9,263,000
Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)	\$2,200,000
Firearm and Archery Range Recreation	\$775,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$4,000,000
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities	\$8,305,000
Recreational Trails Program	\$5,000,000
Youth Athletic Facilities	\$3,000,000

2. The board hereby approves a request that \$3.3 million to be reinstated to the Recreation Resources Account to ensure sufficient funding for the Boating Facilities Program.
3. The Director is authorized to modify and/or update the amounts as new revenue forecasts become available or to comply with Office of Financial Management budget instructions or directives. The Director also shall modify and/or update the request as necessary to meet the budget needs of the affiliated boards and councils, and to provide for scheduled rent, services, personnel increment dates, labor contract costs, and other operations costs.
4. The Director is authorized to apply for outside funding sources to supplement the capital budget consistent with the board and agency mission.
5. The Director shall submit any necessary reappropriation requests.

Resolution moved by: Brittell

Resolution seconded by: Spanel

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: September 4, 2012

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2012-07
Recommending a Funding Level for the Washington Wildlife and
Recreation Program for the 2013-15 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) must submit a 2013-15 Capital Request Budget to the Office of Financial Management; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) finds there is a continuing and compelling need for funding to maintain and enhance the state's quality of life and ecosystem health by investing in outdoor recreation opportunities and important plant, fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program is a critical component to furthering the goal of maintaining and enhancing the state's quality of life and healthy ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, requesting budget support for these grant programs, and the RCO administration necessary to implement those grant programs, enables the board to fulfill its mission and goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the 2013-15 Budget request shown below.

Program	2013-15 Request
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	\$90 million

Resolution moved by: Spanel

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: September 4, 2012

